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**COMING
SOON!**

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Curbside Pickup of Clothing and More!

The City of Lansing has partnered with Simple Recycling, a leader in textile and useable household discard recycling, to collect clothing, shoes, handbags, and other textiles alongside the green recycling cart.

Simple Recycling partners with environmentally conscious cities to reduce the municipal waste stream by up to 10 percent. Focused on simplicity and ease, Michigan's Capital City will soon begin a free, simple and easy curbside recycling option for unwanted clothing and home goods.

The program will reduce waste and earn money for the city in addition to saving money by reducing the costs of landfilling these materials.

WATCH YOUR MAIL BOX FOR START DATES AND DETAILS.



DID YOU KNOW?

- ▶ According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, 85% of textiles are not donated or recycled.
- ▶ An average of 70 pounds of textiles per person are thrown away every year.
- ▶ The City of Lansing will get one-cent for every pound of textiles residents set out. The revenue will go towards neighborhood beautification projects, community events and other activities.



LOCAL DROP-OFF OPTIONS

If you prefer to donate usable clothes to a local social organization, there are plenty to choose from including:

- Goodwill
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Volunteers of America
- World Mission Thrift
- Salvation Army

Please contact organizations for guidelines before dropping items off. Visit www.lansingrecycles.com for additional information.



Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling



File folders, office paper
& gift wrapping paper



Cartons



#1-#2 and #4-#7 Plastic containers
(no Styrofoam)



Aluminum & Metal Cans

Newspapers,
Magazines,
Brochures &
Inserts



Paperboard boxes
(cereal, pasta, & tissue)



Corrugated cardboard &
Paper bags



Household scrap metal

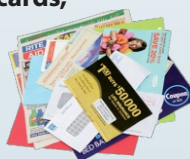
NO NEED TO REMOVE:

Paper clips, stamps,
address labels, staples,
metal fasteners,
cellophane address
windows, rubber bands,
spiral bindings, plastic tabs



Phonebooks

Greeting cards,
regular &
junk mail



Glass bottles & jars
(all colors)



Bulky Rigid Plastic
(buckets, chairs, toys)

NO

- Plastic Bags
- Styrofoam containers
- Wire hangers
- Window panes, mirrors,
ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Organic material and
food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell
phones, computers, etc.)
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleaners
- Waxed cardboard
- Needles or syringes
- #3 Plastics

Empty and rinse all containers.

Everything, including cardboard,
must fit inside cart with lid closed.

**Please follow these guidelines
and set your cart out by 7:00 am.**



Use your smartphone
to scan this QR code
and visit us online @
lansingrecycles.com



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Recycling & Yard Waste Information



Place all items at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day. Carts must be off the curb by 7 p.m.

Recycling Collection

Collection is bi-weekly. Refer to calendar and map on pages 5 & 6 for your schedule.

No need to sort materials. Place all loose recyclables in green cart. See the Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling on page 2.

Discontinue setting out bins and totes with recyclables; they will be taken for recycling if set out. Please use a cardboard box or paper bag when setting out extra recycling that won't fit inside the cart.



Seasonal Yard Waste Collection April-November

Ends week of November 24, 2014



Place leaves and grass clippings on the curbside in paper bags on your normal collection day.

Don't use City of Lansing trash bags, blue carts or private waste hauler carts for yard clippings.

Paper lawn care bags are available at most grocery & hardware stores.

Brush and tree trimmings must be less than 4 feet in length and less than 2 inches in diameter. Bundle securely with string or twine, or place in paper bags. **Please, NO wire.**

Please limit all bags and bundles to no more than 30 pounds.

Christmas Tree Collection!

December 29th through the week of January 5th.

Christmas trees will be picked up from the curbside for two weeks, from the week of December 29th through the week of January 5th on your normal city collection day.

Trees will be recycled into mulch, so please make sure trees are free from plastic, ornaments and other materials. If taller than 6 ft, please cut in half.

BWL Hometown Energy Savers® LED Holiday Lights Exchange

Beginning on November 17, 2014 Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL) residential electric customers can exchange two strands of working incandescent holiday lights for two FREE strands of energy-saving LED holiday lights while supplies last. There is a limit of two strands per household. The program will end on November 21, 2014 or sooner if supplies run out.

The LED holiday light exchange will take place at these locations:

BWL REO Town Headquarters

1201 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
Hours are 9am- 4pm, weekdays

City of East Lansing Public Works Office

1800 E. State Rd., East Lansing
Hours are 9am- 4pm, weekdays

Hannah Center

819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing
Hours are 9am- 4pm, weekdays

New this year!

Select LED holiday lights will be available for purchase at reduced prices at Menards, located at 725 American Road in Lansing. Take advantage of this special offer to purchase additional holiday lights at a discount through the BWL Hometown Energy Savers program.



Trash Disposal Information



Place all items at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Containers must be off the curb by 7:00 p.m. Bags of trash must not exceed 30 pounds and must be visible from the street. Separate recyclable materials and yard waste from trash.

NO hazardous waste, herbicide, pesticides, wet paint, ash or coals, gasoline, or other explosive materials. Double bag animal waste and diapers. Properly dispose of needles and lancets by placing in plastic bottle or other rigid container before putting into household trash.

Did you know that the City of Lansing has provided trash collection services for over 100 years? This makes us the leader in convenient and affordable weekly curbside pickup. Choose the option that works best for you, either blue cart or blue bag service. Our range of trash services are sure to meet the needs of any size household.

Blue Trash Cart Service

These convenient and strong blue carts are for trash only. All trash in the carts must be bagged. Bagging trash will keep carts clean and minimize odors. Can't get your cart to the curb? Front door pick up is available for an additional fee each quarter.

Select the cart size that suits your needs:

32-gallon cart
\$42 for 3 months

65-gallon cart
\$46 for 3 months

95-gallon cart
\$52 for 3 months



Pre-paid service billed quarterly with 4 convenient ways to pay:

By Mail:

Send check or money order to:
City of Lansing, CART
601 E. South Street
Lansing, MI 48910

By Phone:

Call 483-4400

In Person:

City of Lansing,
Treasurer's Office –
1st floor of City Hall

Payment Drop Box:

City of Lansing, CART
601 E. South Street
Lansing, MI 48910

Get signed up today with a quick phone call to 483-4400.



Blue City Trash Bags

Blue bags are available at many local grocery and convenience stores at a cost of \$8.75 for a package of five 30-gallon bags (prices subject to change).

Visit www.lansingrecycles.com for complete list of locations.



Bulk Trash Items

Large items over 30 pounds and longer than 4 feet, such as appliances or furniture, require a bulk collection sticker. Each individual item must be tagged.

Stickers are available at courtesy desks of many local grocery stores for \$33.00 per sticker (*prices subject to change*).

Call the CART Hotline at 483-4400 for a list of stores selling bulk-item stickers. Free bulk stickers are available to low income residents. Call 483-4400 for details.

Note: Refrigerator and freezer doors **MUST** be removed.



*Have Questions?
Call the CART Hotline at 483-4400*

Recycling Collection Schedule 2014-15



Recycling collection is every other week using a green or blue week schedule. Find your collection week on the Recycling Collection Map on page 6 or use the online recycling map and calendar tool at www.lansingrecycles.com.

Save this Recycling Collection Schedule to make it easy to remember when to set out your green recycling cart.

Holidays that affect collection service are marked in yellow. Collections will be delayed for those with service on the day of the holiday and the days after the holiday.

For example, when a holiday falls on a Thursday, Thursday collections will be done on Friday.

Important Dates

2014 Holidays and Important Dates:

- 9/1 Labor Day** - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.
- 11/11 Veteran's Day** - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.
- 11/27 Thanksgiving Day** - Office closed 11/27 & 11/28. 1 day collection delay.
- 12/24 Christmas Eve** - Office closed. No collection delay.
- 12/25 Christmas Day** - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.
- 12/31 New Year's Eve** - Office closed. No collection delay.

2015 Holidays and Important Dates:

- 1/1 New Year's Day** - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.
- 1/19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day** - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.
- 2/16 President's Day** - Office open. No collection delay.
- 4/3 Good Friday** - Office closed. No collection delay.
- 5/25 Memorial Day** - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.
- 7/3 Independence Day** - Office closed. No collection delay.
- 9/7 Labor Day** - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.

2014 Recycling Collection Schedule

Recycling collection is every other week.

Trash and yard waste collection is every week.

Yard waste collection is seasonal.

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2015 Recycling Collection Schedule

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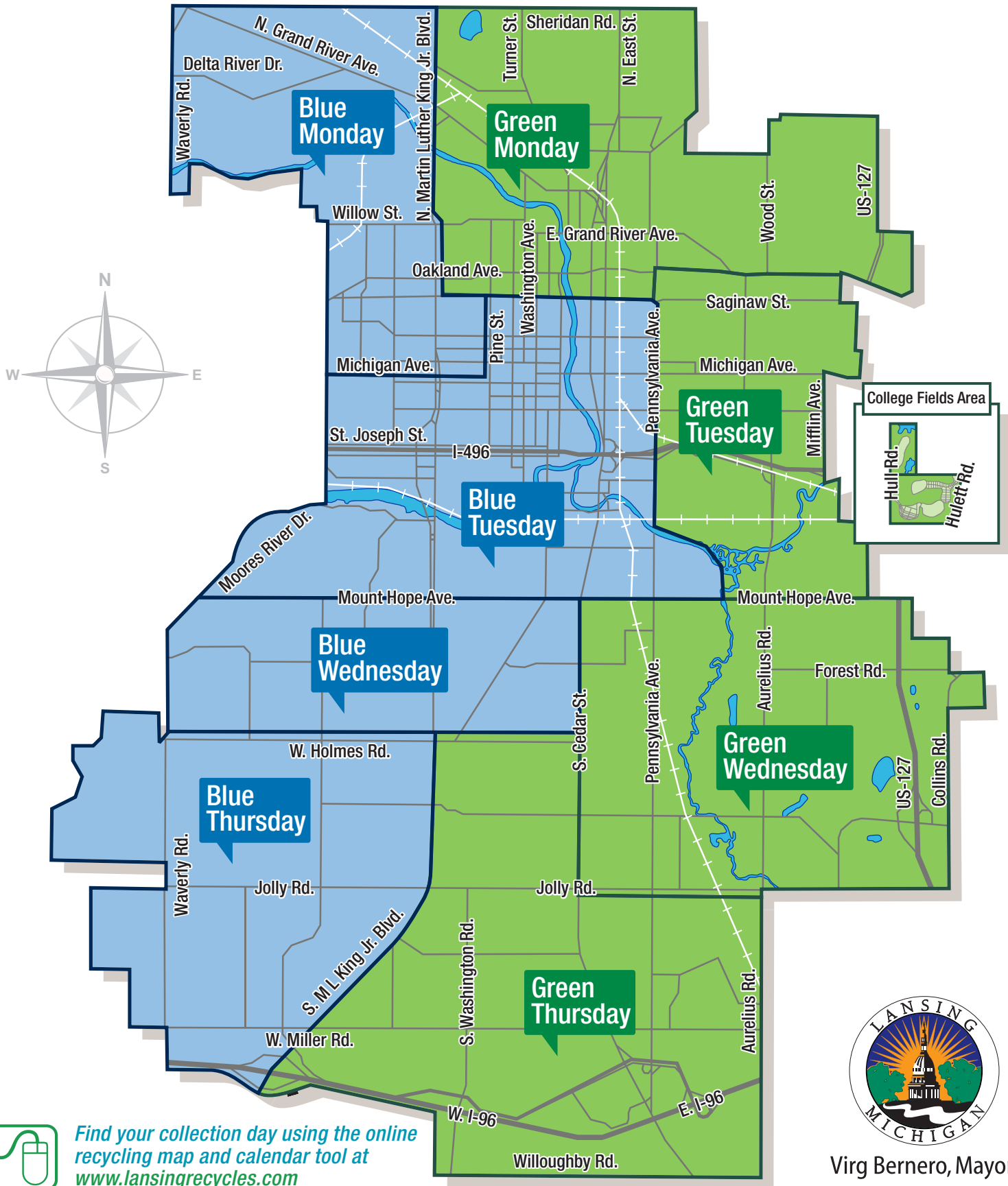
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Residential Recycling Routes



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Recycling Survey & Special Programs



A lot has happened in the last year for City of Lansing residents. Recycling bins were replaced with green recycling carts, collection service changed from weekly to bi-weekly pick up and the City transitioned from manual, labor intensive pick up to a fully automated collection program.

These changes have resulted in more efficient operations and more materials being recycled. In fact, there has been an increase on average of nearly 70% more materials collected. It is important to learn how you use the program.

Please tell us what you think by taking a short survey. Save a stamp and envelope, take the survey on-line at www.lansingrecycles.com or complete the survey below, remove it from this newsletter and mail it to:

CART
601 E. South St.
Lansing, MI 48910

All responses are anonymous.

Thank you for your honest feedback.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

Double bag CFLs in sealable plastic bags and drop off at any of the following locations:

- Any Home Depot Store
- Ingham County Hazardous Waste Collection

Call 517-887-4312 for more information.

More drop off sites can be found at LBWL.com/EnergySavers/



Capital Area Take Back Meds Program

Safely dispose of unwanted medicine at one of the local drop off sites. Go to www.takebackmeds.org to find out where or call 517-887-4312.

Recycle Rama **Lansing's Largest 1 Day Recycling Event**
Coming April 2015

CART Recycling Program Survey Questions

Recycling at Your Household

1. How often do you use your recycling cart?

- ☐ Every other week on my collection day
☐ Once per month or less
☐ I don't recycle at curbside

2. Compared to using the previous recycling bin, using the green recycling cart is:

- ☐ Easier ☐ No different ☐ More difficult

3. How adequate is bi-weekly collection for your household?

- ☐ It is adequate. My cart is full or nearly full on collection day.
☐ More than adequate. I don't fill it up before collection day.
☐ Not adequate. I have more recyclables than the cart will hold.

4. Are you recycling more material with the green recycling cart than with the previous recycling bin?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. How satisfied are you with the curbside recycling collection service?

- ☐ Very satisfied. I wouldn't change a thing.
☐ Satisfied. It may not be perfect, but it works well for me.

Please tell us what would make it perfect: _____

- ☐ Not Satisfied, I don't like the program at all.

Please tell us why? _____

Staying Informed

6. How do you prefer getting information about recycling and trash?

- ☐ Newspaper ☐ Newsletter / Postal Mail
☐ Email ☐ Website ☐ Social Media / Facebook

7. If CART offered a free automated phone call, text or email notification service to remind you of your bi-weekly collection day, inform you about events (such as Recycle Rama) or impacts to collection service, would you subscribe to it?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

About Your Household

8. How many people live in your household?

- ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ More than 4

9. What age group represents the people living in your home? Check all that apply:

- ☐ under 18 ☐ 18-29 ☐ 30-45 ☐ 46-65 ☐ Over 65

10. Do you own or rent your place or residence?

- ☐ Rent ☐ Own

11. How long have you lived at your current home?

- ☐ less than 2 years ☐ 2-4 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10+ years

12. How long have you lived in the City of Lansing?

- ☐ less than 2 years ☐ 2-4 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10+ years

Make additional comments about the recycling program here:



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**Public Service Department
Operations and Maintenance Division
Capital Area Recycling and Trash**

601 East South Street
Lansing, Michigan 48910

To Our Friends At:

**CART HOTLINE
517.483.4400**

Find us online at: www.lansingrecycles.com
or email us at: recycle@lansingmi.gov

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